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Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your review and comment is the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Roundup Power Project.

Bull Mountain Development Company, LLC, is seeking an air quality permit from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for its proposed coal-fired electric generation plant near Roundup, Montana. The Draft EIS analyzes the potential impacts of the proposal, as well as potential impacts of alternatives: 1) No Action; 2) Landfill Alternative; and 3) 230kV Transmission System Alternative. The Draft EIS addresses issues and concerns raised during a scoping meeting in Roundup on April 4, 2002, and written comments received between March 20 and April 19, 2002. Application materials are available for review in the DEQ offices in Helena and Billings.

DEQ has selected the Proposed Action as modified by the Landfill Alternative as its preliminary preferred alternative. **This is not a final decision.** The preferred alternative could change in response to public comment on the Draft EIS, new information, or analysis that might be needed in preparing the Final EIS.

Public comments concerning the adequacy and accuracy of the Draft EIS will be accepted until December 18, 2002. Written comments may be sent, postmarked no later than December 18, 2002, to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901, Attn: Greg Hallsten. Comments may be sent via e-mail to ghallsten@state.mt.us.

A public hearing will be held to receive oral or written comments in Roundup on December 5, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. in the Roundup Community Center.

Since the Final EIS might only contain public comments and responses, and changes to the Draft EIS, please keep this Draft EIS for future reference.

Sincerely,

Jan P. Sensibaugh
Director